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JOINT PHOTOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE BRIEF

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INSTALLATION: Possible Nuclear Energy Plant
Under Construction
LOCATION : 3 nm NW of Kul'ata, USSR
B. E. NUMBER: none
WAC NUMBER : 328

BRIEF NO.: JB-1-58
DATE : 3 Jan 58
LATITUDE : 40°50' N
LONGITUDE: 69°30' E
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REFERENCE: HTA-MCS-29-57, 10 September 1957

REMARKS:

A new installation, possibly of nuclear energy interest and covering an area of some 50 acres is under construction 30 nautical miles SSE of TASHKENT near the town of KUL'ATA. This installation, reported on page 11 of the referenced mission coverage summary, is in the very early stages of construction and it appears possible that it will be a scaled-down version of the TOMSK AE facility, although there is no evidence of any fence or any other security measures around the area.

Preliminary study fails to reveal substantial water supply, but there is a small river nearby.

The area is about 1500 feet square and is characterized by considerable construction activity. There are two deep rectangular excavations measuring approximately 200 feet across. One of the excavations is cross-shaped and has footings in place. The other is still being excavated.

There is no completed building at the site, but one building is far enough along that its probable final dimensions can be stated. It is a U-shaped building with two main wings each about 140 by 50 feet.

The facility appears to be linked directly with a large new thermal power plant under construction near the town, and with another shop-type area contiguous to the power plant, that appears to be nearly completed. All three are rail-served. The spur that leads out to the facility passes through the area and dead-ends about two nautical miles beyond.

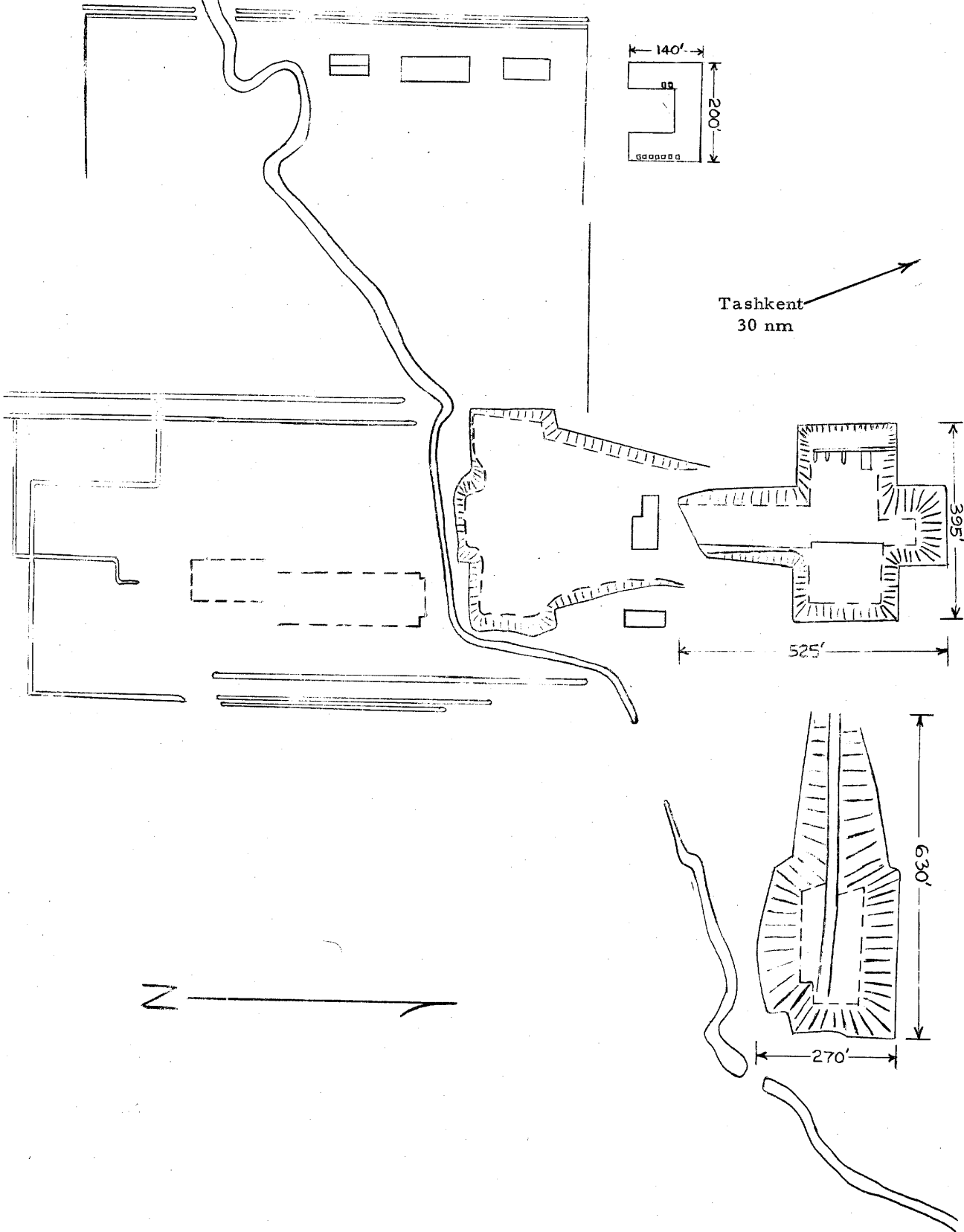
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